

ff. Crueyij y 11. mo. Junij 1690

IN SENATE for and on behalf of his son John Compton pt

vs. Thomas Oxforde } Sams R. p. pt } ditto: 178. } referred to Court.
John Oxforde } Thomas Oxforde } John Oxforde } ditto: 178. } referred to Court.

Compt. Oxforde vs. Thomas Oxforde of this County Taylor was summoned to answer unto John Compton in behalf of his son John Compton in an action upon the Cap. returned upon the pt by his attorney James Sams R. and says that he the said pt did send the said John Compton an apprentice to Cap. Henry Smith for and during the term and space of seven years fully to be completed and ended. Now the pt says and can make it appear that he the said John Compton hath served y^e said term and space of seven years, which was completed and ended this 16. day of September last past y^t the said defend^t Hobbs pretends a right to these years service by virtue of a Chancery Indenture made to John Richards of this County Coyner within the time and term of the above seven years without the consent knowledge or privity of the pt or at the knowledge in open Court or a Magistrate, contrary to law also the pt saith that the said John Compton is under age and no ways capable to bind himself without his parents consent: Nor the parent with the said consent until the expiration of the first Indenture which was not completed and ended until the 16. of yber as afores. Now the pt says doth deny the said John Compton his freedom with other notorious conditions in the first Indenture and hereupon brings this suit.

Sams R. & R. pledged of part. } Ju: Ser. }
King: R. }
James Barry made Oath that he was a witness to

of the said Indenture, when bound to Cap. Smith and that he believed it was above seven years ago. Roger Burbam made Oath in Court also that it was above seven years since the said John Compton went to the said Smith against Worthington made report to Court that he heard the said Thomas say he doth bind all right in or to the said John Compton son of John Compton. John Oxforde did likewise hear John Compton say to the Court, y^t in the pt's sayd that for his part he will have nothing to do with the boy meaning his son, so the pt's then in presence made no answer. All which afores^d proceedings being considered by the Court, do Order the said John Compton to be set free from the said Hobbs.

Maryland vs. the w^or. The Com^t of Somerset County the humble petition of John Compton humbly sheweth your petitioners hath served seven days as a witness in a cause wherein Thomas Oxforde was returned his therefore begs your wor^{sh}'s Order for payment for the same and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray the above said John Compton sworn this 11. day of July 1690 before me James Roney allowed by Court

John Sweet having attended as a witness agt Thomas Oxforde these days served your wor^{sh}'s order of Court for attendance. Sworn before me John King.

William Stouvenon having attended as a witness seven days for Thomas Oxforde at Court hereby is Ord. Sworn before me Samuel Hepburn

Elizabeth Lawrent having attended seven days on behalf of the said Malise agt Thomas Oxforde served your wor^{sh}'s Ord. the above said Elizabeth sworn to the time above mentioned with my hand this 11. day of July 1690 James Roney.

Margaret Comddy having attended seven days agt Thomas Oxforde served your wor^{sh}'s Ord. the above said Margaret sworn to the time above mentioned 7. days this 11. of July 1690 before me James Roney.